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ALSOP REPORT OF MAO TSE-TUNG'S CONVERSATION WITH FINNISH AMBASSADOR

I. Columnist Joseph Alsop reports from Taipei (23 Feb) on conversation of 28 Jan between Mao Tse-tung and new Finnish ambassador.

A. Mao said to have developed theme "nothing could alter his intention of conquer Formosa," to have "defied the American guarantee," and to have "ridiculed the idea of a cease-fire deal."

II. This conversation reported to US ComGen in Hong Kong, by officer Finnish embassy, 2 Feb.

A. Finn said Mao called in ambassador, after presentation credentials, for 40-minute talk.

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had used conversation mainly
to emphasize ChiCom "inflexi-
ble determination" to take
Formosa. Said to have
"stated flatly" that there
would be no peace in Far
East until this accomplished

III. This conversation added nothing to
ChiCom statements of recent months

A. Peiping has been publicly
emphasizing, since last July
its determination to "liberate"
all Nationalist-held territory,
and has publicly rejected all
compromise proposals.

B. Chou En-lai has taken same
line in several private
talks with diplomats in
Peiping.

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